

All the News
about former
Members That's
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TEXAS EDITION

Summer
returns to
normal. Like to
go to Santa Fe!

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IN MEMORIAM



Toby R. Goodman
1948-2021

Donation in lieu of flowers:

Baylor Scott and White Dallas Foundation benefiting the Advanced Lung Disease Fund or the Humane Society of North Texas.

3600 Gaston Avenue, Suite 100
Dallas, TX 75246-2017

An article from Texas Monthly, "Family Man" about Toby and Chris Harris working on Juvenile Justice.

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/family-man/>

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legeLeaders/members/memberDisplay.cfm?memberID=133&searchparams=chamber=~city=~countyID=0~RcountyID=~district=~first=~gender=~last=goodman~leaderNote=~leg=~party=~roleDesc=~Committee=>



Chris Harris
1948-2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/12/19/former-lawmaker-chris-harris-dead-67/>

FORMER MEMBERS RECOVERING

Charlie Evans

“We are doing great and out of quarantine.
Neither of us had drastic symptoms.
Cough and runny nose lasted about 3 days.
Dr. said it was because of being vaccinated.
Headed to Michigan for the next 2 weeks to get out of the heat.”

Jim Nowlin

“I am doing ok. Still limping around and fighting the need for patience to get back where I was 6+ months ago.
Doing all I am told to do to repair the leg and more. 6+ months out in what I’m told is a 12 month recovery period. Will persevere.”

Mark Stiles

“Really good. Walked a good bit this week without the cane. Still have to use it for any distance.
Hope you are doing well.
Thanks for asking.”

Barry Telford

Haven’t been able to get an update on Barry. If anyone has one please let us know! This is from July 10 –
“Spoke with Barry a few days ago. He sounds good. He still can’t walk by himself but is making progress. Said he’d lost about 50 lbs. but his wife Marsh’s cooking is adding it back on.”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming these distinguished former members to the Capitol Group.

Sarah Davis

Kenny Marchant

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legeLeaders/members/lrlhome.cfm>

“Legislative” thought for the day:

Abraham Lincoln is reported to have enjoyed telling the following story:
In Springfield, Ill., the weather predictor usually failed to guess just when it was going to rain. A local boy claimed he could do it better – and sure enough, he proved consistently accurate. But when asked to become the new weatherman, the boy refused. “It’s my jackass that does the predictin”, he said, “Whenever a storm is buildin’, he scratches his ear against the fence and brays somethin’ terrible.”
So the mayor appointed the jackass instead – and that was his big mistake. Why?
Because, ever since, jackasses have been seeking public office.”



CHANGE IS COMING

PLATFORM

As mentioned earlier our Platform Subcommittee has been working on improving our ability to communicate; share uploads, and retain conversation threads for future members. It's called SLACK; just think of our former colleague Dick Slack. In the next few days watch for an invitation to join SLACK. All you need to do is click. Chancellor Jackson created a one pager which we'll also share and it should guide you through establishing your free account. We're going to be patient with this and keep the email platform until we're sure that everyone is on board!

Personal Privilege

"Members, please take your seats."

Mr. Speaker, members....

Charlie and Pat Evans COVID, or DELTA VARIANT case is something to think about.

They were both vaccinated and I'm sure also careful about things they did. However, they contracted the virus at their country club from an unvaccinated, asymptomatic person. Many other members and staff were also infected.

Here's my point. Apparently the Delta variant is 1,000 times more transmissible than COVID 19. Think about that. Whatever biologically causes that, it must be an absolute cloud of pathogens that perhaps lingers.

How should we respond to that?

Well, Bryson DeChambeau and Jon Rahm just tested positive in Tokyo and had to withdraw – and this is Rahm's second time in a little over a month.

Here's my take. I've discussed this with several doctor friends recently. One said there wouldn't be a return to normalcy for a year. The other said that because of the variant he and his family were going back to the protocols during the height of the pandemic.

So we just cancelled a trip out to Santa Fe where I was hoping to tee it up with Mr. Rudd and enjoy the atmosphere of the oldest capitol in the country –and be at 7,000 feet elevation. No restaurants, no gyms, masks everywhere unless outdoors and socially distanced.

What else can we do?

CDC just reported that of 9,000 deaths in Texas of COVID in Texas since the first of the year, all were unvaccinated, except 43! So think of the 43 for a moment. One half of one percent were vaccinated but elderly, immunocompromised, underlying conditions.

Vaccine reluctance? DOD requires as many as 17 vaccinations depending on your military occupational specialty and deployment. And we let people go unvaccinated?

Thank you Mr. Speaker, members.

-Mike Millsap



HISTORICAL PHOTOS



PICA 06369 Austin History Center, Austin Public Library



The Capitol fire of 1983. The Lt. Governor's apartment.

Kent Hance

Kent's podcast's, The Best Storyteller in Texas is awfully good. See below and also the one where he talks about Coach Beamer.

<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9iZXN0c3Rvcnl0ZWxsZXJpbnRleGFzLmxpYnN5bi5jb20vcnNz/episode/ZGM1MDU1NTItMDIwYS00NTkLTgyNWEtNmE5ODZmNDRhYjBk?hl=en&ved=2ahUKEwif2O33nIHyaXVaM0KHUKUB7kQieUEegQIAhAF&ep=6>

John Sharp

A very good article about our colleague in case you haven't seen it.

COUNTRY REVIVAL

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How the straight-talking, coyote-shooting, tobacco-chewing John Sharp has led a bonanza at Texas A&M.

- JULY
- 2017
- | *by* MICHAEL HARDY

<https://features.texasmonthly.com/editorial/country-revival/>